

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge comprising:
a case having a substantially boxed shape and rotatably accommodating a reel around which a recording tape is wound;
a recessed portion formed on an upper surface of the case; and
a stacking rib protrudingly provided on a lower surface of the case, for engaging with a recessed portion of a recording tape cartridge positioned below the recording tape cartridge, when the recording tape cartridge and the another recording tape cartridge positioned below the recording tape cartridge are stacked,

wherein a protruding portion, which defines a label region, is formed at a position in the recessed portion of the recording tape cartridge, which position does not interfere with a stacking rib of a recording tape cartridge positioned above the recording tape cartridge, when the recording tape cartridge and the another recording tape cartridge positioned above the recording tape cartridge are stacked,

wherein the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge extends in a substantially perpendicular direction from a bottom surface of the recessed portion of the recording tape cartridge, and has a substantially frame shape in a plane view, and

the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge substantially surrounds the label region on which a label is adhered.

2. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a pair of the stacking ribs ~~are of the recording tape cartridge~~ is protrudingly provided on the lower surface of the case, and the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge is formed at a position in the recessed portion of the recording tape cartridge, which position is between ~~the a pair of the~~ stacking ribs of the cartridge positioned above the recording tape cartridge when ~~the plurality of~~ the recording tape ~~cartridges~~ cartridge and the recording tape cartridge positioned above the recording tape cartridge ~~are~~ is stacked.

3. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge comprises a continuous single member and is formed to have a frame shape in a plan view.

4. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge is formed by a plurality of protruding members.

5. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 4, wherein ~~the protruding portion is formed by~~ the plurality of the protruding members are positioned, in combination, so as to have a substantially frame shape without corner portions in a plan view.

6. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the stacking rib provided on the lower surface of the case, which faces the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge positioned below the recording tape cartridge, when the recording tape cartridge and the recording tape cartridge positioned below the recording tape cartridge plurality of the recording tape cartridges is are stacked, is chamfered.

7. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 6, wherein the surface of the stacking rib provided on the lower surface of the case is chamfered to have a substantially circular arc shape in a cross sectional view.

8. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a height of the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge is no greater than a depth of the recessed portion of the recording tape cartridge.

9. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge comprising:
a case having a substantially boxed shape and rotatably accommodating a reel around which a recording tape is wound, the case comprising an upper case and a lower case;

a recessed portion formed on an upper surface of the upper case; and

a pair of stacking ribs, provided protrudingly on a lower surface of the lower case, for engaging with a recessed portion of a recording tape cartridge positioned below the recording tape cartridge when the recording tape cartridge and the recording tape cartridge positioned below the recording tape cartridge area plurality of the recording tape cartridges is stacked,

wherein a protruding portion, which defines a label region to which a label is adhered, is formed at a position in the recessed portion of the recording tape cartridge, which position is between a pair of the stacking ribs of a recording tape cartridge positioned above the recording tape cartridge when the recording tape cartridge and the another-recording tape cartridge positioned above the recording tape cartridge are stacked,

wherein the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge extends in a substantially perpendicular direction from a bottom surface of the recessed portion of the recording tape cartridge, and has a substantially frame shape in a plane view, and

the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge substantially surrounds the label region.

10. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 9, wherein the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge comprises a continuous single member and is formed to have a frame shape in a plan view.

11. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 9, wherein the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge is formed by a plurality of protruding members.

12. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 11, wherein ~~the protruding portion is formed by~~ the plurality of protruding members are positioned, in combination, so as to have a substantially frame shape without corner portions in a plan view.

13. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 9, wherein each surface of the pair of the stacking ribs of the recording tape cartridge, which faces the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge positioned below the recording tape cartridge when the ~~plurality of the recording tape cartridges is~~ recording tape cartridge and the recording tape cartridge positioned below the recording tape cartridge are stacked, is chamfered.

14. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 13, wherein each surface of the pair of the stacking ribs of the recording tape cartridge is chamfered to have a substantially circular arc shape in a cross sectional view.

15. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 9, wherein a height of the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge is no greater than a depth of the recessed portion of the recording tape cartridge.

16. (previously presented): A recording tape cartridge comprising:

a case having a substantially boxed shape and rotatably accommodating a reel around which a recording tape is wound, the case comprising an upper case and a lower case;

a recessed portion formed on an upper surface of the upper case; and

a pair of stacking ribs protrudingly provided on a lower surface of the lower case;

wherein a pair of stacking ribs of ~~another~~ a recording tape cartridge positioned above the recording tape cartridge, which has the same structure as the recording tape cartridge, engage the recessed portion of the recording tape cartridge when the ~~other~~ recording tape cartridge positioned above the recording tape cartridge is stacked on the recording tape cartridge, and

a protruding portion, which defines a label region to which a label is adhered, is formed at a position in the recessed portion, which position is between the pair of ~~the~~ stacking ribs of the ~~other~~ recording tape cartridge positioned above the recording tape cartridge when the ~~other~~ recording tape cartridge positioned above the recording tape cartridge is stacked on the recording tape cartridge,

wherein the protruding portion extends in a substantially perpendicular direction from a bottom surface of the recessed portion, and has a substantially frame shape in a plane view, and

the protruding portion substantially surrounds the label region.

17. (currently amended) A recording tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a center of the label region, that is substantially surrounded by the protruding portion of the

recording tape cartridge, is level with the bottom surface of the recessed portion of the recording tape cartridge.

18. (currently amended) A recording tape cartridge according to claim 9, wherein a center of the label region, that is substantially surrounded by the protruding portion of the recording tape cartridge, is level with the bottom surface of the recessed portion of the recording tape cartridge.

19. (previously presented) A recording tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein a center of the label region, that is substantially surrounded by the protruding portion, is level with the bottom surface of the recessed portion.